Power Houses prior to February/ March 1985 were unilateral, since there had been no joint sampling agreement between the Power Houses and BCCL during that period. In order to settle these disputed claims, both Power Houses and Coal Companies have been asked to conduct mutual negotiations, failing which by arbitration. BCCL have also informed that the deductions made by the Steel Plants had already been settled upto 1984-85 and approximately Rs. 22 crores have already been reimbursed to BCCL by the Steel Plants.

After the signing of the agreement between Power Houses and Coal Companies, joint sampling is being done regularly; and the grades of coal are revised by the coal companies wherever found necessary.

Privatising overseas supply vessels

51. SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA :

SHRI VIRENDRA VERMA :

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Oil and Natural Gas Commission (ONGC) have decided to privatise the entire fleet of its overseas supply vessels priced at Rs. 150 crores;

(b) if so, under what circumstances these vessels were initially owned by ONGC and those which are yet to be received by it; and

(c) what are the reasons for privatisation of these vessels and what is estimated loss likely to be suffered by ONGC as a consequence thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI CHANDRA SHEKHAR SINGH): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Unregistered LPG Consumers

52. SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA:

SHRI VIRENDRA VERMA :

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have made any survey to ascertain the number of unregistered LPG consumers in Delhi who are being regularly supplied cooking gas cylinders by the distributors on a premium and thereby delaying delivery of the cylinders to the genuine consumers; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof stating the action taken by Government to check such malpractices?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI CHANDRA SHEKHAR SINGH) : (a) and (b) While no survey has been carried out by the oil marketing companies, cases of unauthorised LPG connections come to the notice of the companies and in the event of any distributor being found responsible for the same, action is taken against him.

Salal Hydel Project

53. SHRI DHARAM CHANDER PRASHANT : Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Salal Hydel Proect in Jammu region is nearing completion in its first phase;

(b) whether it is also a fact that a number of J & K Govt. engineers are working at the Project on loan basis if so, what is their number; and

(c) whether it is also a fact that the State Engineers will be sent back to the State, if so, the number of them who will be sent back upto December, 1986 with number of those who are likely to be retained in the project?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI VASANT SATHE) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) 74 Engineers in different executive grades and 77 Assistant Engineers/Junior Engineers/Section Officers are on deputation from J & K State at Salal Project.

(c) Deputationists at Salal Project will be repatriated gradually to their respective parent Departments keeping in view the actual requirements from time to time.

Power Project in Rajasthan

54. SHRI BHUVNESH CHATURVEDI: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration for setting up Power project in Joint Sector and/or in private sector in Rajasthan; and

(b) if so, the details of such proposals and what is the latest policy of the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI VASANT SATHE) : (a) and (b) A proposal for setting up of a Thermal Power Plant at Dholpur, in the joint sector, was received by the Central Electricity Authority from the Rajasthan State Electricity Board. The feasibility report for this project, which envisages installation of two units of 210 MW in Stage-I, is under techno-economically examined in the Central Electricity Authority.

The policy regarding power generation is regulated by the Industrial Policy Resolution, 1956, which contemplates that the development of generation and distribution of electricity is the exclusive responsibility of the State. The Resolution does not, however, preclude the expansion of the existing privately-owned units or the possibility of the State securing the cooperation of private enterprise in the establishment of new units, when the national interests so require.

Availability of oil and gas in West Rajasthan

55. SHRI BHUVNESH CHATURVEDI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the latest findings in West Rajasthan about the availability of oil and gas there; and

(b) what is the estimated expenditure on the work of exploration during the year 1986-87 in West Rajasthan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI CHANDRA SHEKHAR SINGH) : (a) The last hydrocarbon discovery in West Rajasthan was in Ghotaru in 1983, when gas was discovered in one well.

(b) About Rs. 19 crores.

Additional posts created in High Courts

56. SHRI BHUVNESH CHATURVEDI:
SHRI BIR BHADRA PRATAP SINGH .

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of posts lying vacant on the benches of various High Courts in the country at present:

(b) the number of additional posts created in various High Courts for the year 1986-87; and

(c) by when these posts are likely to be filled up?